

Michael Grinnell, the first child of Jasper and Sarah Hill Grinnell was born March 20, 1752, at Saybrook, Conn. and died February 12(or 3), 1858, in Clinton Twp., Pa. On December 21, 1777, he was married to Susannah Balcom who was born 1760, and died at Clinton, Pa., August 1, 1825. Both are buried in Clinton cemetery, Pa. Michael lived to be 105 years, 10 months and 13 days in age. He was a Revolutionary War soldier

"Michael Grinnell, Sr. settled about half mile west of the Baptist church, where Horace G. Squire once lived and which is now owned by Alvin R. Squire. He was the father of Michael Grinnell Jr. who married a sister of Mrs. Pope Bushnell." (Hist. of Wayne Co. p 327-8)

"Michael Grinnell (1752-1858) was placed on the pension roll, 1832, of Wayne County, Pa. for service in Capt. Water's Co., Col. Parson's Conn. Regiment. He was born in Saybrook, Conn., died in Clinton, Pa." (D.A.R. Lineage Bk. 71-143)

"As to Michael Grinnell 5 (Jasper 4, Peabody 3, Daniel 2) was well known as Deacon Grinnell. He was born in Saybrook, Conn., March 20, 1752, and removed to Winsted, Conn., about 1788. He married Dec. 21, 1777, Susannah Balcom, who died in August, 1825, aged 70 years. He died February 12, 1858. Their children were:  
1. Rufus b May 28, 1778, removed to Clinton, Pa.  
2. Michael May 28, 1790, etc." (Genealogy vol. 3, pp18-9)

"The first week in June, 1812, Horace G. Squire and Michael Grinnell came.....In November, Rufus Grinnell's wife and eight children came, which closed the colony for 1812." (Hist. of Wayne Co. p 325)

"The wise man must remember that while he is a descendant of the past, he is a parent of the future; and that his thoughts are as children born unto him, which he may not carelessly let die."

-Herbert Spencer